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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

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Shanghai, . . . EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 18th May, 1877, at Noon. Crockery Ware, Dinner, Dessert, Cheese, and Soup Plates, Side Dishes, Meat and Baking Dishes, Soup Tureens, Mugs, Tea Cups and Saucers, Toilet Sets, &c.

Perfumery, Hair Oil, Pomatum, Soap, Cologne Water, &c.

Stationery, Letter and Note Paper, Envelopes, Steel Pens and Pencils.

Cotton Socks, Tooth Brushes, Silk Umbrellas, Tea Sets, Table Knives, and Sundries.

Also,

1 Iron Water Tank.

1 Light 2-oared Rowing Boat, with Oars, Masts, Sails, &c.

50 cases Board's Old Tom.

And,

1 Grey Australian HORSE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 18, 1877. my18

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs MELCHIOR & CO. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th of May, at 11 o'clock a.m., on the Premises, under a power contained in a Bill of Sale dated the 18th day of December, 1874, given by THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, and CARL HEINRICH EISER, SEIMUND, lately carrying on Business in this Colony, as Shipchandlers and Storekeepers, under the Style or Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & CO.,

All the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS being in and upon the Premises No. 82, Praya Central, lately occupied by the said Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & CO.

Also,

THE GOODWILL of the said Business.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1877. my19

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at AMOY. Mr F. F. ELWELL will Act as our AGENT at that Port.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my2

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROW DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, April 16, 1876. my16

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGRIED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Office, and Lloyds Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. my18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBAY".

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. my9

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE,

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBAY".

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. my9

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DORRIE & CO., under special survey of Lloyds', and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & CO., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1876, when NEW SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year Her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendicularly, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASSE.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.)

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet : Loaded 12½ feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five side rooms, with accom- modation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low Pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 26 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 H.P.

A Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSER and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & CO., Dumbarion, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I.

A to K, with Introduction, Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZEL, Ph.D.

Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS and a Half.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., HONGKONG and SHANGHAI; and MESSRS KELLY & WATSON, SHANGHAI.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL of the said Business.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, May 17, 1877. my19

For Sale.

LANDED EX S. S. "SCINDIA," &c.

Mixed PICKLES. Wiltshire Preserved BACON. Wiltshire Preserved BACON. OX TONGUES in Jelly. CHAMPIGNONS. CHOW CHOW. Worcester SAUCE. Smoked OX TONGUES. Anchovy PASTA. Kippered HERRINGS. Bologna SAUSAGES. JAMS and JELLIES. Potted MEATS. Findon HADDOCKS. Tart FRUITS. Anchovy PASTA. Herring à la SARDINES. Assorted SOUPS. Yarmouth BLOATERS. Oxford SAUSAGES. Sausage MEAT. Timed VEGETABLES. Minced HARE.

WINEs. SPIRITS. BEER. BEER.

Saccone's Palo Dry SHERRY. Hennessy's BRANDY. Basic PALE ALE, qts.

Do. Invalids PORT. Courvoisier's Do. Do. pts.

Hunt's PORT. Le Grande Marque Do. Do. qts.

Krug's CHAMPAGNE. Ronner Guillet & Co. Do. Do. pts.

Heidsieck's Do. S. Bordon's "Old Tom." "Alsop," "kids."

Pommery & Greno's Do. AVH GIN. Draught PORTER.

Do. MOSELLE. Old Irish WHISKY. Aitken's Falkirk ALE.

Do. MOSELLE. Royal GLENDALE Do. COMBO & CO.'s STOUT.

CLARETS, in Great Variety, Bulk and Bottled.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, May 14, 1877. my23

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULT

Intimations.

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned, beg to inform the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that the Charter of our Steam-launch *UM SING* (plying between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-sha-shol), by Mr Buxoo, will expire on the 30th Instant, after which date the said Launch will ply on the same route on our own account, having no connection whatever with the late Charterer.

The Fare will be as usual until further notice.

WING KEE & CO.,
Praya Central.
Hongkong, April 30, 1877.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Rosina, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Rosetta McNeil, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Nyassa, British ship, Captain W. S. Garrick.—Douglas Laptak & Co.

Tullochgorum, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Weller & Co.

Hannah Law, British ship, Captain R. Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Vesta, German barque, Captain R. Dirks.—Mehlers & Co.

Hannah & Mary, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.

Tewkesbury L. Sweat, American barque, Captain Wm. Griffin.—Mayer & Co.

NOW READY.

Feng-shui; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. ETEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICAL RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. ETEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Mousse Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW.

The Steamship "PENEDO," CAIN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, May 17, 1877. my18

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of May, 1877, at Noon, on Board,—

The Hull "CHASE," lately used as the Gunpowder Depot, as she now lies in this Harbour, off STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND, with ONE ANCHOR and CHAIN.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer; and the Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 17, 1877. my30

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 16, *Gustav*, German brig, 227, F. C. Sorensen, Amoy May 8, General-EDWARD SCHELLHAAS & CO.

May 17, *Auguste*, British 3-m. schooner, 210, P. Thomson, Newchwang April 23, Beans.—MEYER & CO.

May 17, *Huai Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 782, R. W. Hutchinson, Singapore May 12, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

May 17, *Preto*, British barque, 384, Laidman, Newchwang April 29, Beans.—MASTER.

May 17, *Thengalla*, Danish steamer, 1577, H. P. Molsen, Saigon May 11, Rice.—MEYER & CO.

May 17, *Anna*, German barque, 447, W. Lassen, Quinhon May 12, Salt.—W.M. Fuerst & CO.

May 17, *Brisbane*, British steamer, 891, W. Ellis, Brisbane April 22, Kepel Bay 23, Beans.—T. C. Townsend, Cleveland Bay 27, Somerset 29, and Singapore May 11, General—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

May 17, *Dina*, British steamer, put back.

DEPARTURES.

May 17, *Mecca*, for Saloon.
17, *Arratoon Apas*, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

17, *Venice*, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.

CLEARED.

Penedo, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.
Per *Brisbane*, from Brisbane, etc., Meads Hancock, Macpherson, Davies, Captain Turner, etc., Manook, The Lung, and 284 Chinese.

Per *Huai Yuen*, from Singapore, 600 Chinese.

Per *Gustav*, from Amoy, 10 Chinese.

Per *Thengalla*, from Saigon, 40 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Arratoon Apas*, for Singapore, etc., Mr and Mrs E. M. Major, Major Tottenham, Mr Kelly, Dr. Denys and family, Messrs E. K. Reuben, A. M. Apas, James Horne, M. D. Mehta, R. S. Woonwalla and Son, P. Dorabjee and Nephew, Mr and Mrs L. Goff, 20 Indian, and 800 Chinese.

Per *Mecca*, for Saigon, 83 Chinese.

Per *Venice*, for Straits, 516 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British 3-masted schooner *Auguste* reports: Light variable wind from the East till the Suddles; from there till

Chapel Island moderate N.E. winds, afterwards calms and light hailing winds till arrival.

The Chinese steamer *Huai Yuen* reports: Fine weather and light S.E. winds throughout the passage.

The British barque *Preto* reports: Salted from Newchwang April 29th, crossed bar same day. Had moderate N.E. winds to Ocksea on the 8th May, from thence calms and light airs until the Lamoks on the 15th, thence moderate breeze from Eastward till arrival.

The British steamer *Thengalla* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Brisbane* reports: Fine weather and variable winds from Singapore. On the 14th May, spoke the barque *Agate* from Shanghai to New York, all well.

The German barque *Anna* reports: Fine weather and light S.E. and Southerly winds all the way up.

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CARGO.

Per S. S. *City of Peking*, sailed 15th May, 1877: For Yokohama, 3,255 bags Sugar, 21 pks. Cordage, 22 pks. Leather, 260 pks. Merchandise, 55 pks. Tin, 72 pks. Oil, 201 boxes Soap, 200 coils Iron Wire, and 30 logs Wood. For Nagasaki, 22 pks. Merchandise. For San Francisco, 21,474 bags Rice, 2,461 bags Sugar, 204 bags Beans, 60 bags Pepper, 41 bags Coffee, 2,286 pks. Merchandise, 264 pks. Tea, 6 pks. Silk Goods, 200 bags Gunnies, 86 boxes Gambier, 500 boxes Oil, and 47 boxes Prepared Opium. For Victoria, B.C., 200 bags Sugar. For La Libertad, 1 case Flores Silk. For San Jose, 17 cases Silk Goods, and 2 boxes Tea. For Panama, 129 pks. Merchandise, 60 pks. Tea, 11 pks. Silk Goods, and 4 pks. Patna Opium. For Callao, 27 pks. Mawu Opium, 5 pks. Turkey Opium, 1 pks. Patna Opium, 15 pks. Silk Goods, and 1 pks. Merchandise. For Valparaiso, 1 case Cigars. For New York, 11 cases Enamels, 6 boxes Raw Silk, and 5 cases Merchandise.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—Per *DUNA*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For KIUNGCHOW.—Per *PENEDO*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For MANILA.—Per H. C. M. S. S. *MARQUES DEL DOBRO*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 19th inst.

For FOOCHOW.—Per *PENGUIN*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 19th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—For *KILLARNEY*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 19th inst.

For AMOY.—Per *ALBAY*, is postponed till further notice.

MAILS by the ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *ZAMBESI* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, etc., on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, etc.:—

Friday, 18th instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 19th instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi) or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, May 11, 1877. my19

MAILS by the TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet *BRISBANE*, will be despatched from Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., with Mail for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Kepel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m.

Correspondence for New Zealand must be specially directed via *Torres Straits*, or it will be sent via Galle.

Correspondence for Southern Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, May 14, 1877. my22

MAILS by the FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *MEIKONG*, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Puducherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, etc.:—

Friday, May 26th.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Hongkong, May 12, 1877. my23

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILED BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *OCEANIA* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes.

3 p.m., Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage.

2.50 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Hongkong, May 15, 1877. my24

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, May 19.—

10 a.m., *Penguin* leaves for Koochow (direct).

11 a.m., Sale of Stock-in-trade of the firm of Broadbear, Anthony & Co.

Noon, English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m., *Killarney* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, May 21.—

Noon, *Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

Goods per *Scindia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, May 22.—

Noon, *Brasane* leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

3 p.m., Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

MONDAY, May 23.—

3 p.m., Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, May 24.—

Noon, *Sale of Hulk Chase*, etc., on board, off Stone Cutters' Island.

THURSDAY, May 25.—

Noon, *Sale of Hulk Chase*, etc., on board, off Stone Cutters' Island.

FRIDAY, May 26.—

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 16th MAY, 1877.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor-ago.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2 h	Breeze	Brit. str.	751	May 13	P. & O. S. N. Co.	.....	P. & O. Wharf Cos'tan Dock
Albay	...	Lopez	Span. str.	480	May 10	Chinese	Amoy	Coastan Dock
Arratoon Apear	5 h	McTavish	Brit. str.	1392	May 8	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Benarty	4 b	Potter	Brit. str.	1120	May 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Hongkow	
Cairnsmuir	4 c	Spowart	Brit. str.	1120	May 16	Holiday, Wm. & Co.	S'pore and Penang	Sands' Slip
Cheang Hock Kian	...	Webb	Brit. str.	956	May 10	Soon Cheong & Co.	.....	Ab'deen Dock
Glenlyon	...	Wallace	Brit. str.	1378	May 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....
Golden Horn	2 h	Alton	Brit. str.	1024	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Foodhow	Cos'tan Dock
Hwai Yuen	4 b	Hutchinson	Chi. str.	762	May 17	O. M. S. N. Co.	.....
Killarney	...	O'Neill	Brit. str.	660	May 6	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Macgregor	2 h	Newell	Brit. str.	2465	May 12	Gilman & Co.	.....	K'loong Dock
Malaca	5 c	Edmond	Brit. str.	1048	May 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hoihow	To-morrow
Ningpo	...	Cass	Brit. str.	761	May 1	Siemssen & Co.	Bangkok	
Penedo	5 c	Cain	Brit. str.	652	May 14	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Penguin	3 c	Cowell	Brit. str.	1122	May 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Pernambuco	5 c	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	May 14	Siemssen & Co.	.....	Repairing
Scindia	8 h	Langley	Dan.	1432	May 13	Meyer & Co.	Europe, &c.	Mails, 19th
Thingwall	3 n	Wolsten	Brit. str.	1577	May 17	Landstein & Co.	.....
Venice	5 c	Rhode	Brit. str.	1271	May 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....
Yottung	2 b	.....	Brit. str.	324	June 1	Kwok Acheong	.....
Zambosi	5 c	Symons	Brit. str.	2400	May 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	.....
Sailing Vessels								
Adela	4 c	Beattie	Brit. bge.	354	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	New York	
Albert Russell	3 c	Carver	Amer. bge.	762	April 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Cebu	
Alphington	4 c	Cunningham	Brit. bge.	326	May 10	Wieler & Co.	.....
America	2 k	Holt	Ger. sh.	1219	May 1	Siemssen & Co.	.....
Auguste	4 k	Thomson	Brit. 3m.sc.	210	May 17	Meyer & Co.	.....
Aurora	3 c	Milne	Brit. bge.	295	May 3	Chinese	.....
Bonita	4 c	Steter	Ger. 3m.sc.	346	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	.....
Canton	4 k	Crantz	Ger. bge.	373	May 9	Siemssen & Co.	.....
Carricks	8 h	Carr	Brit. bge.	916	May 10	Meyer & Co.	.....
Ceres	4 k	Specht	Brit. bge.	420	May 6	Wm. Pustau & Co.	London	
Channel Queen	8 c	Lacheur	Brit. sh.	609	May 2	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Touron	
Charité	2 h	Bervé	Fch. bge.	255	May 1	Carlowitz & Co.	.....
Charlotte Andrews	4 c	Place	Brit. bge.	356	May 1	Rozario & Co.	.....
Obeng Soon	2 b	Cheng Sang	Siam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese	New York	
Deutschland	4 c	Tiemann	Ger. bge.	269	May 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Callao	
Ellen Rückmers	4 c	Weydemann	Ger. bge.	307	April 28	Melchers & Co.	London	
Emma	3 c	Gran	Ger. bge.	340	May 2	Wm. Pustau & Co.	London	
Esmeralda	4 h	Hansen	Ger. bge.	787	May 10	Order	Tientsin	
Eudoxia Adolphine	4 c	Valot	Fch. bg.	254	May 15	Carlowitz & Co.	.....
Fabius	2 h	Stolze	Siam. sh.	635	April 28	Kin-ye-loong	.....
Fleetwing	8 c	Gucat	Amer. sh.	829	May 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....
Gustav	3 c	Sorensen	Ger. bg.	227	May 16	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Gustav Adolph	4 h	Neemann	Ger. bge.	300	May 14	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Haliphong	
Gustav & Marie	4 c	Dose	Ger. sh.	345	May 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hannah & Mary	8 c	Smith	Brit. bge.	366	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	P. & O. Wharf
Hannah Law	2 b	Greig	Brit. sh.	1299	April 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Helena	3 c	Snow	Amer. bge.	603	May 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Callao	
Highlander	5 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	May 13	Captain	London	Wanchai Pier
Hydra	4 c	Dest	Brit. bge.	785	May 27	Siemssen & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Lalla Rookh	8 h	Hender	Brit. bge.	814	April 20	Meyer & Co.	London	
Loucadia	8 b	Mearns	Brit. sh.	896	April 12	Meyer & Co.	London	
Lofterer	8 b	.....	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Co.	.....
Louisa	4 h	Schierloh	Ger. 3m.sc.	245	May 9	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	New York	
Madura	8 c	Stanton	Brit. bge.	970	May 11	Messageries Maritimes	Callao	
New Era	3 c	Sawyer	Siam. bge.	1000	April 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Nyassa	8 c	Garrison	Brit. sh.	799	May 7	Wm. Pustau & Co.	London	
Onward	4 c	Morton	Brit. sch.	210	May 11	Wieler & Co.	San Francisco	
Presto	4 k	Laidman	Brit. bge.	384	May 17	Master	.....
Rosetta McNeil	3 c	Brown	Amer. bge.	611	March 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	.....
Rosina	8 c	Hansen	Amer. 3m. sc.	406	Feb. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Tewksbury L. Sweat	8 c	Griffin	Amer. bge.	560	May 7	Meyer & Co.	New York	
Thomas Lord	3 c	Hull	Amer. sh.	1316	April 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Haliphong	
Tullochgorum	6 c	Mason	Brit. 3m.sc.	1875	April 20	Wieler & Co.	San Francisco	Jardine's Slip
Villa de Rivadavia	4 c	Carmus	Span. bg.	261	April 19	Brandao & Co.	.....
W. H. Deitz	8 c	Endicott	Amer. bge.	487	April 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Woodlark	8 c	Largie	Brit. sh.	869	May 7	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
WHAMFOA								
Christian	Stahr	Ger. 3m. sc.	282	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	.....	
Novelty	Coliver	Brit. bge.	375	May 8	Rozario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney		
Vesta	Dirks	Ger. bge.	302	May 8	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin		
CANTON								
Chinkiang	Orr	Brit. str.	785	May 16	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai		
Bombay	Smith	Brit. str.	749	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails	
Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.								
Vessel's Name.	Anchor-ago.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Charybdis	6 c	British	corvette	1506	...	...	April 5	T. E. Smith
Curlew	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	May 4	E. J. Church
Fly	6 h	British	gun vessel	464	4	120	May 15	John Bruce
Hart	6 h	British	gun vessel	466	...	...	May 6	H. N. Hood
Juno	6 c	British	corvette	900	...	...	May 15	A. H. Boldero
Maggie	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	...	...	May 2	Charles Vernon Anson
Marquez del Duero	K.D.	Spanish	gunboat	700	3	150	May 10	Barrago
Mesanee	6 k	British	military hospital	2691	...	...	...
Modeste	6 o	British	corvette	1405	14	350	April 13	Alex. Buller, C.B.
Nassau	7 h	British	surveying vessel	695	4	150	May 1	R. H. Napier
Patino	K.D.	Spanish	transport	1200	...	...	Feb. 23	R. Pello
Tamar	7 c	British	troop ship	4857	...	...	May 6	W. H. Liddell
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	2	...	...	Commandore Watson
At Canton	.....	.....	corvette	103				

entering a written protest against the step. On landing, His Excellency was escorted by apparently every society, and organisation, secret, temperance or otherwise, and all the civilian forces in the place to Government House, where he was being overwhelmed with addresses and attentions of various kinds up to the day of the departure of the mail.

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. C. May)

May 17, 1877.

A "CIVILIZED" CHINAMAN.

Yung Ayow, a seaman, was charged by Henry Klyen, a seaman boarding at the Sailor's Home, with assault under the following circumstances. The complainant went to a shop to buy some small things. The defendant was there also and asked the complainant if he would buy any shirts. After shewing them to Klyen, he named a price, which the intended purchaser regarded as excessive. After a little more bargaining the defendant ejaculated "go to—." The complainant remonstrated with him, when, without anything further being said or done, the defendant unmercifully thrust the foreigner out of the door with violence, so he fell down. Not satisfied with this forcible ejection, the defendant laboured the fallen man with a short stick which resembled a policeman's baton, causing marks of discolouration on the face. The defendant was then given into custody. The above story was substantiated by Henry Leonard, a seaman belonging to H. M. S. *Charybdis*, who happened to pass by the place with a shipmate, and saw the affair.—The defendant in defence, said he was annoyed because the complainant charged him with trying to cheat him, so he put him out of the house. The man tripped and rolled over. Fined \$10.

A DOUBTFUL CASE.

Chow Ahing, a contractor, was charged by Inspector Lyaught, of Naval Yard, on suspicion of being concerned in stealing a quantity of wood, iron and other things, the property of the complainant. Inspector Lyaught stated that he had entered into a contract with the defendant to dig a well on his ground at Kowloon. The complainant provided the defendant with a tent, owing to the site of the well being filled with water. The complainant had purchased the prop of the *Victor Emanuel* at auction, and this he took over to Kowloon and placed it under the defendant's care. Some ten days ago, about 25 brass hinges were stolen from the doors, and the defendant was held responsible. The defendant said he would not remain and left the same night. Subsequently a gang of thieves attacked the place and stole property to the value of \$28. There was no evidence that defendant stole the hinges. Discharged.

VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITY.

Chun Aman, the householder of No. 22 East Street, Taipingshan, was summoned by the Registrar General to appear before the Magistrate to shew cause why he should not pay the fines of certain gamblers who had been convicted, on the 12th instant, of gambling in the house in question. The 1st defendant was fined \$200 as being the manager of the gambling, and the rest were fined \$10 each. All the convicted men paid up their fines with the exception of the 1st, the \$200 man, and one of the \$10 men. Mr. Osmund, a clerk in the Registration Office, proved the conviction of the men, and the fact of the defendant having registered himself as the householder of the house.—The defendant said he knew nothing of gambling being carried on in the house, and of the conviction of the men. He was a poor man and had no money to pay the fines for these men. He had been living in the Colony for more than twenty years. He sub-let the house to a man who was now still, he believed, in the Colony, who owed him some rent yet.—The Magistrate ordered the defendant to pay up the \$210, and directed a distress warrant to be issued against the defendant's goods and chattels.

SUSPICIOUS.

Ng Ayow, a coolie, was suspected of stealing a quantity of old iron from the Novelty Iron Works. The watchman, Baboo Jadoo, saw a bag containing about 90 lbs. of old iron at the back part of the premises. He went there to watch to see who would come to take it away. Shortly afterwards, the defendant was seen near the bag, which he then picked up.—The defendant denied the charge, saying he only passed by the place. He never touched the bag. He was discharged, as he seemed to have borne a good character.

GUARRELLING OVER A FARE.

Woo Afat and Cheung Atak, chair-cooles, were brought up for making a disturbance at Queen's Road, near the Post Office. They were chair-cooles and quarreled over the first chance of a fare. Fined \$1 each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Lo Aow, a bricklayer, was charged with stealing an iron bar, from the premises of the late Stone-cutters' Island Gaol. It appeared that the defendant was the foreman employed by the Government Contractor who was putting up an iron railing at the Peak. He was told to remove the old railing from the Stone-cutters' Island Gaol, but he surreptitiously took one iron bar. Fined \$5 for unlawful possession.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALE.)

17th May 1877.

In re the bankruptcy of T. T. Anthony, the bankrupt appeared to pass his last examination.

Mr. Johnson appeared for the bankrupt.

The bankrupt was examined and deposed as follows:—

I have filed the two accounts now produced, marked A. & B.; they shew my private and partnership receipts and expenditures. To the best of my belief they are correct. They are taken from the account books kept by my partner.

There being no opposition, the bankrupt was allowed to pass his last examination.

The bankrupt was then told to come up in a fortnight for his discharge, the 8th May.

China.

SOOCHOW. May 9th 1877.

A few days ago two proclamations were issued by the Governor of Soochow. One was intended to abolish the opium dens which abound in this city, so well-known as a place full of luxury and impurity. It is not intended by the city governor that opium smoking must be abolished; he only proposes to forbid the use of the "foreign dirt" in the opium dens. He can bear to see his children smoke opium, but to see them victimized by opium-den-keepers and prostitutes at the same time is too much for his paternal heart. Consequently his love has overflowed in the shape of a stern order to the effect that these houses be closed. A similar proclamation was issued by the same officer several months ago but it produced no effect. How his head has rested easily upon his pillow during all these months in which his orders have been so flagrantly violated is a matter that I shall not attempt to explain. The other proclamation has done some good. It prohibits the use of small cash. Soochow has long been cursed with these little mangy feeble yet numerous counterfeits. A dollar has for many years been worth ten in Soochow on an average about twelve hundred and fifty cash. I have seen the time when it was worth much as thirteen hundred and forty. But there has always been a difference in the rate of exchange. When a man offered a dollar at a cash-stall he would say which of three kinds of cash he wanted. If he wanted good cash he would receive eleven hundred and seventy. If he wanted good and bad mixed the number would be about twelve hundred and fifty. If he wanted a mixture of good bad and worthless he would receive nearly thirteen hundred. Two years ago an attempt was made to abolish these little cash, but it failed. The people seemed to think that it was a mere joke on the part of the city government, perpetrated with no serious intention except to furnish them with something to talk about in the tea-shops. Now, however, it is plain that the Governor is in earnest. The small cash must be abolished: *delenda est Carthago*. The people are ordered to bring their little cash to the proper yamen where they are exchanged for good cash and immediately melted; perhaps it would be more strictly true to say immediately burst up, for most of them are nothing but dross. The people as a general thing agree that the evil is a great one, and if the governor of the city will only persevere he is in a fair way to succeed, at least partially, in his truly laudable enterprise. The former proclamation produced no effect upon the prices of staple goods. Now prices are changing. Rice has fallen ten per cent. Pork now is sold for a hundred cash a catty, whereas a week ago the price was a hundred and twenty-eight. The Governor says that the people of this city shall in future use good large cash only. This is a great deal more than he expects the people to do, for many of the cash are made of good metal and have Caesar's superscription plainly stamped upon them, but they are very small. He cannot do away with cash of that kind, for the people will use them in spite of his proclamations. He might as well take a sword and fight the drops of a steady rain, to try to put away from common use cash that are good and sound, but not as large as he says cash should be. Unless he be as skilful as the man we read about in the Arabian Nights who could stand out in a storm and whirl his sword so rapidly that not a drop fell on his body he must fail in doing all he proposes to do, and find that he bears the sword in vain. He has, in setting his authority against the use of small cash, "taken arms against a sea of troubles," but whether or not he will "by opposing end them" is an open question. It is very certain that these troublesome cash are to be seen to-day all over the city.—*Shanghai Courier*.

CHUNGKING.

Messrs. Baber and Gill appear to have settled down quietly in Chungking, having engaged a spacious house situated in the best part of the city, and as comfortable as a Chinese house can be. In an excursion made the other day to the South side of the river, they found the people quiet though curious. The country is described as picturesque.—The following proclamation has been issued on the occasion of their arrival:—

PROCLAMATION.

On the 26th of the 2nd moon, an English official of the rank of Interpreter arrived at this district, in accordance with a despatch received from the Tsung-li Yamén, stating that England would appoint an official to reside at Chungking for the purpose of watching the interests of commerce. The people of this jurisdiction are therefore informed that the official in question comes with the above intention, and has no connexion with missionary enterprise; you, the merchants and the people, must not therefore be taken by surprise or alarm. Should any of you, under cover of the English official's name, attempt to extort money or otherwise, you will be permitted to make your accusations against them at the Cheefoo's yamen. You will not behave rudely to the newcomer, nor do injury to him either at his residence or during his visit outside. Disobey not.—*N. C. D. News*.

WUCHANG. May 8th, 1877.

From our city wall we can enjoy the sight of the tea steamers as they lie off the Han-kow bank, among which the lately-arrived *Glennglasser* makes a fine show with her huge bulk and four masts. In a late trip through our city gate I met a number of soldiers dragging a brass field piece, very new and bright, over the stones against which the gate shuts to, while at the river bank stones were to be seen. The bore at muzzle looked some six inches in diameter. They were being landed from a lorcha I believe. The weather is fine, but cool and pleasant, though the Chinese prophets say they look for a hot summer and a very high flood. Time will I hope prove them more ready than wise with their prognostications.—*Shanghai Courier*.

TIENTSIN.

May 9th. The famine in the destitute regions is becoming more terrible in its ravages every day, and I continue to do so till the earth has time to produce its first crop. The Government did stop just when it was beginning to be most needed. The poor refugees who came to this place were sent away in March, to destitute homes, and in many cases to unknown fields (for they had no wheat to sow last autumn), and no seed for the spring sowing. Many of these, *Shanghai Courier*.

being carried through the winter, have been left to perish at the last.

From the Lan Ling district there comes the most distressing account of the terrible ravages of disease, consequent upon the famine. Rev. Mr. Hall writing from thence, begs for more aid, and speaks of some most heartrending scenes he has witnessed. Other places are equally destitute.

Rev. J. Lees, treasurer of the local committee, will receive any contributions for relieving the destitute.

Generally the wheat looks well, and there is every prospect of good crops. More rain has fallen than usual in the spring, and the wheat is coming on rapidly. The weather continues cool for the season, while vegetation is a full week in advance.—*N. C. D. News*.

The Straits.

(*Singapore Daily Times*)

We are informed that the Treasury lately received from Calcutta 1,000 boxes of copper coin of the value of \$50,000, of which 400 boxes, value \$20,000, have been sent to Labuan. This supply of copper coin will no doubt prove useful to the trade of the place, and might, we believe, be supplemented with advantage by a supply of subsidiary silver coin. We suppose that no reply has yet been received from the Colonial Office apon the British dollar question. It is wonderful how long it takes Officialism to grasp a novel idea, especially if it proves to be of great utility.

Yesterday (May 7th) about one o'clock, a flash of lightning struck a corner of the residence on Tarijung Pagger hill occupied by Captain Smith, Manager of the Dock Company. The lightning seems to have first struck a tree close to the house and then glanced on to the roof, tearing a portion off, and then zig-zagging down the wall into the ground, twisting the wallpaper and other materials in the way into all sorts of shapes. Mrs. E. M. Smith and her sphy. who were in the house at the time, had a very narrow escape from sudden death, and were both knocked down insensible. Happily both happened at the time to be some little distance from the corner where the lightning descended, and therefore escaped with a shock and fright, but without material injury. Mrs. Smith was writing in the corner of the room struck only a few minutes before, and, had she remained there, would have been infallibly killed.

A RIVER TRIP FROM SWATOW TO CANTON.

[We print below the first instalment of a private diary kept by Mr. Giles on his overland journey from Swatow to Canton. Any allusion to the official nature of his mission is of course carefully eschewed; and, but for the fact being well known to all, it would be impossible to guess that his tour was undertaken for the purpose of inspecting the Yunnan Proclamation.]

We left the bridge which stands just above the town of Swatow on the 19th of March at 9 a.m. The little rain which had built up at one end of it by some philanthropic capitalist to give temporary shelter from the storm to unprovided travellers, was soon lost to sight, and we were poling up stream through a flat and uninteresting country *en route* for Ch'ao-chou Fu. There being nothing on either side of the river worth looking at, we devoted the leisure moments of our first day to examining the boats and boats. We found that out of a total crew of six there was one opium-smoker, but he only indulged at night when the work of the day was done. He said the sailor's life was a bitter one, and that opium gave him strength to work. He was fifty-three years of age, wrinkled and skinny. The boat was roomy and clean, and divided into two compartments, giving us the luxury of a bed-room separate from the sitting-room. Our servants followed in a second boat. The doors were elaborately painted in the gayest style of Chinese art, and one of them bore the following appropriate legend:—

"The moon is bright, the wind is clear, as we sing our evening song."

But the panel which should have shown the second line of the couplet had been for some inscrutable reason taken out, and the "mother," as the Chinese call the first half of a couplet, was left alone to mourn the loss of her "son." Further aft we discovered two strips of coloured paper, each bearing a response from some local deity to a question propounded by the owner of the boat and paid for at the rate of thirty cash per response. On enquiring of the boatman it turned out that during the preliminaries of engaging his craft he had hurried off to his favourite oracle and consulted it upon two points, (1) whether the journey would be a profitable one for him, and (2) as to the destination of the traveller he was about to take on board. The replies received were flavoured with a pinch of Delphic salt, and ran thus:—

(1) Pure gold of priceless worth.—Who shall go and seek it?

The superior man will not stoop to pick it up: Picking it up his heart will not be at ease.

(2) Treat others with gentleness.

And your journey will be a happy one, On the 5th or 6th of the moon.

You will meet with a worthy gentleman.

If now the curious reader will refer to an Anglo-Chinese almanac for the current year, he will find that the 6th of the 2nd moon corresponds with the 18th of March—the day we left Swatow.

20th.—This morning we sighted the tall pagoda which stands upon the bank of the river nearly opposite the city of Ch'ao-chou Fu. By one o'clock we were at anchor alongside the wonderful structure which apparently once spanned the river but is now broken by a gap of over 100 yards. Countless tamarind trees grow out of its masonry and are slowly working its inevitable ruin, yet upon the very bridge itself and considerably overhanging the water are shops, swarming with workmen, supported by shabby-looking posts which do not go straight down into the water but are nailed on to the stone-work of the bridge at a very considerable angle. The gap is filled up with a bridge of boats which is opened from time to time for the passage of junks; when the familiar scene is enacted of half-a-dozen Chinamen springing across at the last moment and at the risk of their lives sooner than waste five minutes of the precious time which when we pass will be spent on the other side in gaping at the red-haired barbarian. How it is there is such great traffic across this bridge is difficult to say. There are very few houses on the opposite bank to the city and no shops to speak of. A beautiful shrine sacred to the glorious memory of Han Win-kung, who was formerly Governor here, stands upon the hill-side, and there are some celebrated tea-shops near by where the *Shanghai Courier*.

of Ch'ao-chou Fu smokes its afternoon pipe and discusses the news of the day.

21st.—There was a scramble among the half dozen villagers who collected to see us take breakfast, for two provision tins which had been opened the night before. Cross and Blackwell carry happiness into many Chinese village—which, by the way, will be a capital addition to their list of recommendations and for which we expect to receive one of their very best Christmas hampers. But so it is. These tin pots, valuable to us only for what they contain, will have their jagged edges nicely rounded off, a hole drilled at either side for a handle of string or wire, and will then be used as a receptacle for oil or Chinese soy, to remain in the family of the thrifty possessor an heirloom for ever. Just then the whistle of a steamer roused us from a dream of the future, when the provident Chinaman shall have everywhere supplanted the costly and luxurious European. But a moment's reflection recalled the fact that we were upon the inland waters of China, sacred to the lines which tradition says Confucius himself laid down and not yet open to desecration by the furrow of a barbarian keel. It was only the travelling pork-butcher blowing on his horn to warn the villagers of his approach. Landing for a stroll along the banks of the river occasionally across the hills whenever the stream took a favourable bend, we had occasion to note for the thousandth time the courteous reception offered us by the half-naked peasants we came across. Invariably a pipe of tobacco and sometimes a cup of tea was put before us; we were aware however that the same etiquette which requires the offer of these luxuries to the passing stranger obliges the latter to refuse them. It is as much as the poor fellas can do to get tea and tobacco for themselves: they could ill afford to share their stops with every chance comer. The water buffalo glared and snorted as we passed by, scented probably the foreign smell which Chinamen declare they detect in Europeans. The women too did not place much confidence in the apparition that every now and then came upon them, but preferred to observe our movements from a safe distance. They do not bandage their feet, having to work in the fields with the men. Here and there we passed plantations of the edible bamboo, carefully fenced in from the depredations of thieves and cattle. We saw acres and acres of the common bamboo, which is very largely cultivated about here, and from time to time met huge rafts of it floating down with the stream to Ch'ao-chou Fu. As far as we could make out, the exports and the imports each consisted of four kinds of produce. The boats going up were all laden with Salt, Rice, Salt Fish, Sundries; while the traffic down was confined to Charcoal, Bamboo, Firewood, or Trees. Many of the hills are densely covered with pine trees, which accounts for three of the last-mentioned four; the valleys are chiefly planted with bamboo. Apropos of salt, we were told that the *Yunnan Proclamation* which forbade the use of salt was a mere farce, as the people of the province were not able to do without it. We saw acres and acres of the common bamboo, which is very largely cultivated about here, and from time to time met huge rafts of it floating down with the stream to Ch'ao-chou Fu. As far as we could make out, the exports and the imports each consisted of four kinds of produce. The boats going up were all laden with Salt, Rice, Salt Fish, Sundries; while the traffic down was confined to Charcoal, Bamboo, Firewood, or Trees. Many of the hills are densely covered with pine trees, which accounts for three of the last-mentioned four; the valleys are chiefly planted with bamboo. 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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of Instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, January 6, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship ZAMBESI, Captain SYMONS, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 19th May, at noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 11, 1877.

Intimations.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr ALVON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAR JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

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Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the *China Mail* in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and *Peking Gazette*, to circulate the *China Mail* in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

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Celery, Chinese, catty

Colery, English, catty

Cucumbers, per catty

Chillies, Dried, 100

Mixed, 80 70

Curry Stuff, English, 40 30

Egg Plant, 60 50

Garlic, (bulb) dried, 40 30

Ginger, 30 20

Greens, White, 10 —

Winter course, 20 15

Green, Sprouts, 15 10

Green Peas, in shell, old, 80 60

young, 40 30

Horse Radish, Shai, 300 250

Lettuce, Chinese, 20 —

English, head, 10 —

bunch, 15 10

Mint, 70 10

Mushroom, dried, catty

750 650

Onions, Bombay, 100 60

Green, 20 —

Parsley, Chinese, 60 50

English, bunch

10 5

Potatoes, Macao, catty

30 20